

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michael Kiernan, on his selection as Washington County Teacher of the Year for grades nine through twelve.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kiernan is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kiernan has recently been selected as Washington County Teacher of the Year for grades nine through twelve, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with two other system-wide Teachers of the Year, Mr. Kiernan will be honored at an upcoming Washington County Board of Education meeting where each will be presented with a certificate from the State Department of Education and a plaque from the Washington County Department of Education; moreover, each will advance to the regional judging stage, another step toward selecting a state-wide Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kiernan has accrued thirty years of teaching experience in Tennessee public schools and he has served with acumen and alacrity as a high school Biology teacher for twenty-five exemplary years at Daniel Boone High School; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Mr. Kiernan works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kiernan truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Michael Kiernan truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michael Kiernan on being chosen as Washington County Teacher of the Year for grades nine through twelve, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.